

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action dated December 18, 2008, has been reviewed and the following remarks are responsive thereto. Claims 80, 103, 104, 108 and 109 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 48-85, 92, 95-101, 103-105 and 108-116 remain pending upon entry of the present amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 48-85, 92, 95-101 and 111-116.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 103, 105, 108 and 110 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant has amended claims 103 and 108 to be in a more preferred form. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments overcome the rejection and thus, render claims 103-105 and 108-110 allowable.

CONCLUSION

All rejections having been addressed, Applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same. If for any reason the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance or there are any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (202) 824-3156.

Respectfully submitted,

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